

To Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2818 without my signature.

This bill would prohibit a local housing authority from disposing of certain types of subsidized public housing unless the housing authority meets certain state mandated conditions, including the full replacement of disposed of housing units.

The restrictions that this bill would add are unnecessary and over burdensome to local housing authorities. The federal government has been reducing subsidy funding for public housing, but the demand for public housing is not declining. Local housing authorities must have the flexibility to dispose of financially unsupportable housing in an efficient and timely manner that minimizes the loss of housing units. This bill would impose new notice requirements and other restrictions and limitations that would limit too severely that vital flexibility.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger